

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

FOR AGENCIES SERVING THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED



Symbol of Quality

RECEIVED

OCT 22 1974

A. L.

1973-74 REPORT

January 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

Accreditation by the National Accreditation Council signifies that an agency or school meets nationally accepted standards for ethical fund-raising, responsible management and quality services to blind and visually handicapped persons.

Something New

A chance to do something that has never been done before — this is a challenge most of us can't resist. Too often, however, once the initial challenge is met, everybody considers the job completed. I am glad to be able to report that the structure and philosophy of the National Accreditation Council have not permitted complacency to set in.

The child of pioneers, NAC is true to its pioneer beginnings. NAC's predecessor, the Commission on Standards and Accreditation of Services for the Blind (COMSTAC), was the first to develop and codify comprehensive standards for the operation of specialized agencies and schools for blind and visually handicapped children and adults. Another COMSTAC first — and one in which I am proud to have had some part — was the inclusion in the standards of strong emphases on management, fiscal accountability, and modern principles of administration, as well as the traditional programs and services.

When COMSTAC completed its work, and NAC was established in 1967 to administer the application of the standards through a national system of voluntary accreditation, innovation continued. Unlike traditional accrediting organizations, NAC is not an arm of a professional organization — although it is sponsored by many. NAC's Board of Directors includes men and women from many disciplines, from all parts of the country, blind and sighted. The report of NAC's program and its audited financial statement, now in your hands, is made not to one group but to the public.

by Daniel D. Robinson, *President*

This report covers 18 months rather than twelve because NAC changed its fiscal year and we are adjusting to the new cycle. Next year's report will cover the period July 1, 1974 – June 30, 1975.

In the past 18 months NAC has again blazed new trails especially in the area of public and consumer participation in the accreditation program. The innovative methods for standards revision are described elsewhere, but I'd like to mention one thing here. In this period NAC became the first accrediting body, of which we have knowledge, to adopt a policy of regularly admitting representatives of other national organizations to its Board meetings as observers. (NAC's Annual Meetings have always been open to all.) In practice, and space permitting, NAC has welcomed observers from other groups as well, and we are gratified by the wide interest shown. Committees are working on ways to adjust our structure to permit further involvement of interested groups.

At the same time we have been moving ahead with accreditations and reassessments of accredited agencies as this report reveals.

Standard-setting organizations have a special responsibility to avoid rigidity, to put into practice the lessons of experience, to obtain broad input toward creative solutions of new problems. NAC began as something new. It will continue to be guided by the spirit of accommodation and innovation so blind persons and the American public as a whole may be well served.

Standards As Living Things

Constructive suggestions for improving the standards have always been welcomed. In 1973 the Commission on Standards initiated a more active approach. The Commission will not merely welcome but solicit "individuals, groups and organizations, including those who voice complaints, to submit pertinent evidence and comment"

The year also saw the start of the comprehensive review of all NAC's standards. Beginning with those for physical facilities, the Commission is seeking data on new techniques, results of research, experience of accredited and non-accredited agencies and schools, suggestions from special groups such as the Committee on Barrier Free Design, professional associations and users of the services.

To get this broad input the Commission is using new combinations of local and national committees and technical experts, plus general invitations through NAC's newsletter, *The Standard-Bearer*, first to partici-

pate in drafting standards and second to review the drafts. As of August, 1974, the newsletter had announced the availability of suggested revisions of standards for physical facilities to some 5,000 readers — agency staff and board members, government officials, researchers, and members of organizations of blind persons who are its readers. All were invited to review and comment before the draft was put in final form for publication.

The Commission is following the same process for reviewing and updating other existing standards. Draft standards for vocational services should be ready by winter, 1974.

NAC plans to review at least one set of management standards and one set of program standards each year. More will be done if possible. Funds are needed for this ambitious program but NAC has made a beginning with faith that support will be forthcoming.

Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

**Eighteen Months
Ended June 30, 1974**

	Total	Current Funds		Funds Functioning as Endowment
		Unrestricted	Restricted	
Public support and revenue:				
Contributions	\$224,492	\$222,211	\$ 2,281	
Revenue:				
Assessments and dues, member units	31,415	31,415		
Interest	13,471	13,471		
Publication sales	3,334	3,334		
Total revenue	48,220	48,220		
Grants from governmental agencies	141,503		141,503	
Total public support and revenue	\$414,215	270,431	143,784	
Expenditures:				
Program services:				
Standards	\$187,530	45,691	141,839	
Accreditation	74,473	72,192	2,281	
Total program services	262,003	117,883	144,120	
Supporting services:				
Management and general	114,023	114,023		
Fund raising	47,088	47,088		
Total supporting services	161,111	161,111		
Total expenditures	\$423,114	278,994	144,120	
Excess of expenditures over public support and revenue		(8,563)	(336)	
Fund balances:				
Beginning of period		28,529	336	\$108,989
End of period		\$ 19,966	\$ -0-	\$108,989

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1974

Assets

Current general fund:		
Cash	\$ 36,606	
Accrued interest receivable	1,907	
Prepaid expenses	250	
Total current general fund		\$ 38,763
Funds functioning as endowment (Note 6):		
Cash	\$ 8,989	
Investment—certificate of deposit (Note 2)	100,000	
Total funds functioning as endowment		\$108,989

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Current general fund:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,497	
Deferred revenue	14,300	
Fund balance	19,966	
Total current general fund		\$ 38,763
Funds functioning as endowment (Note 6):		
Fund balance		\$108,989

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Opinion

We have examined the balance sheet of National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped as of June 30, 1974 and the related statements of support, revenue, and expenditures and changes in fund balances and of functional expenditures for the eighteen-month period then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements identified above present

fairly the financial position of National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped at June 30, 1974, and the results of its operations for the eighteen-month period then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period, except for the change, with which we concur, in the classification of certain revenues in accordance with restrictions placed upon their use, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements.

New York, N.Y., July 31, 1974

HURDMAN AND CRANSTOUN, *Certified Public Accountants*

Statement of Functional Expenditures

Eighteen Months Ended June 30, 1974

	Total	Program Services		Supporting Services	
		Standards	Accreditation	Management and General	Fund Raising
Salaries	\$270,100	\$124,788	\$37,893	\$ 71,644	\$35,775
Employee health and retirement benefits (Note 4)	34,858	16,558	4,915	9,312	4,073
Payroll taxes	14,979	7,157	2,097	3,961	1,764
Total employee compensation	319,937	148,503	44,905	84,917	41,612
Occupancy	31,407	11,935	15,704	1,884	1,884
Telephone and telegraph	7,980	2,702	3,924	1,035	319
Conferences, conventions, meetings and travel	35,742	9,077	2,918	22,193	1,554
Professional fees and contract service payments	4,872	3,250		1,622	
Equipment and other fixed assets	2,845	1,083	1,359	240	163
Outside printing, art work, etc.	7,804	4,733	1,291	833	947
Postage and shipping	4,499	2,739	1,425	278	57
Subscriptions and reference publications	620	299		37	284
Membership dues	598	498	100		
Supplies	5,629	1,788	2,847	759	235
Miscellaneous	1,181	923		225	33
	<u>\$423,114</u>	<u>\$187,530</u>	<u>\$74,473</u>	<u>\$114,023</u>	<u>\$47,088</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1974

1 Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting and financial statement presentation requirements of the industry audit guide for voluntary health and welfare organizations, except that expenditures for fixed assets are not capitalized and depreciated, but are expensed. This deviation from the guide does not have a material effect on the financial statements.

2 Investment—At Cost

As of June 30, 1974, \$100,000 was invested in a First National City Bank certificate of deposit, bearing interest at the rate of 10¼ percent, due July 3, 1974.

3 Restricted Revenues

Restricted revenues totaled \$143,784 for the eighteen-month period ended June 30, 1974. Of this amount, \$140,003 was received from the Rehabilitation Services Administration to be used for the strengthening of services for the visually handicapped, \$2,281 was received from various donors to defray the cost of meetings and conferences, and \$1,500 was received from the Office of Education for the development of standards for the production of reading materials for visually handicapped people.

In the prior period, revenues of a nature comparable to the first

two items were not classified as restricted. The change had no significant effect on financial position at June 30, 1974 or the results of operations for the eighteen months then ended.

4 Pension Plan

The Council participates in the National Health and Welfare Association pension plan, the costs of which are borne partially by the employer and in part by the employees. The plan covers substantially all employees age 30 and over. The total expense to the Council for the eighteen-month period ended June 30, 1974 was \$23,534. There are no prior service costs.

5 Leased Premises

The minimum rental under the lease for the Council's office space is \$18,000 per annum, excluding payments for real estate taxes and utilities. Such rental costs aggregated approximately \$31,000 for the eighteen-month period ended June 30, 1974. The present lease expires on February 28, 1975.

6 Funds Functioning as Endowment

In accordance with resolutions of the Board of Directors, certain unrestricted funds have been designated as funds functioning as endowment. The goal is to develop a fund equal to 50 percent of one year's operating expense.

Suggested Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc., a nonprofit corporation located in New York, N.Y., the sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) to be used by the Council's Board of Directors as deemed advisable within the corporate powers of such Council.

Suggested Form of Gift

I hereby give to the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc., a nonprofit corporation located in New York, N.Y., the sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) to be used for the general purposes of the Council at the direction of its Board of Directors.

Figures Tell The Story

As of the end of 1973 accredited agencies and schools reported having served more than 167,000 men, women and children in the year. This included more than 73,000 blind and visually handicapped persons and more than 94,000 who received prevention of blindness services. Totals for 1972 were 140,000; 63,000; and 78,000.

The 1973 figures do not include those for three agencies accredited just at the end of the 18-month period covered by this report.

As of June 30, 1974 there were 55 accredited institutions with branches (including those of a multi-unit national agency) in 36 states and the District of

Columbia — more than 150 separate installations in more than 100 communities.

They include rehabilitation centers, clinics, residences, dog guide school, camps, sheltered workshops, libraries, publishing facilities, and 14 schools. Eight are state rehabilitation agencies.

Priority Concern . . . Half the institutions reviewed by NAC are found to need further improvement in order to qualify. To get better services to blind people faster NAC will give special attention to helping agencies use the self-study more effectively and obtain the guidance they need in upgrading their management and services.

Formula For Continued Improvement

The Commission on Accreditation not only makes the original decision to accredit or not accredit but also determines whether accreditation shall be retained. In 1973 the Commission defined more sharply its ongoing responsibility to be assured each accredited agency and school is conducting its activities in accordance with the standards.

An additional, but henceforth recurring, aspect of the Commission's work also got under way:

Five years after accreditation, each accredited agency or school must be reassessed through a comprehensive self-evaluation and a visit by a team of qualified evaluators — professionals and specialists who volunteer for this service because of their personal commitment to excellence. (In the years between, annual progress reports are required.)

The first agencies accredited just at the end of 1968 came up for reassessment in 1973-74.

During 1973 planning and testing of materials went forward; agencies prepared for the new process. Reassessment of two was completed by mid-1974; eight more were to be reviewed by the end of 1974.

Since the quality of agency services affects many community groups and individuals, reassessment visits reflect the same concern for broad input that characterizes the revision of standards.

Working with the local executive, each team tries to hold conferences with local and state planning and funding groups, interviews with staff, board and other volunteers, and with users of services.

Only when the agency passes the test of this comprehensive review is it certified for continued accreditation.

Outreach

Endorsers . . . The following national and state organizations officially endorsed NAC's accreditation process and urged unaccredited agencies and schools to qualify for this recognition: Division for the Visually Handicapped, Council for Exceptional Children; Arkansas Affiliate, American Council of the Blind; Michigan Affiliate, American Council of the Blind; Arkansas Chapter, American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB); New York State Federation of Workers for the Blind, AAWB.

New Sponsor . . . The Arkansas Chapter of AAWB joined the roster of NAC Sponsors, April, 1974.

Ohio RSC Policy . . . The State of Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission announced that all rehabilitation facilities providing services to clients of State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies are to achieve accreditation by June 30, 1977 or the end of the fourth year following their establishment date.

NAC Awards . . . The NAC Award for outstanding leadership in raising standards of service to blind and visually handicapped Americans was presented in 1973 to Miss Marjorie Hooper, former editor, American Printing House for the Blind, now executive secretary, National Braille Association; and in 1974 to J. Kenneth Cozier, Cleveland industrialist, and J. Arthur Johnson, executive director, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, D.C.

For the '70's . . . The national conference on *Planning Services for the Blind for the Decade of the '70's* in March, 1973, recommended that "government funding of agencies . . . be based on accreditation of the unit by nationally recognized accrediting agencies." NAC was identified as one such agency. The dean, Graduate College, and the head, Department of Blind Rehabilitation, Western Michigan University, directed the conference; Rehabilitation Services Administration, DHEW, provided financial support.

Board of Directors 1974-75*

ARTHUR L. BRANDON
Lewisburg, Pa.
President Emeritus

DANIEL D. ROBINSON
New York, N.Y.
President

HUNTINGTON HARRIS
Leesburg, Va.
Vice President

MCALLISTER UPSHAW
Detroit, Mich.
Vice President

HOWARD H. HANSON
Pierre, S.D.
Vice President

JOHN P. MCWILLIAMS, JR.
New York, N.Y.
Secretary

MRS. CLAIRE W. CARLSON
New York, N.Y.
Treasurer

JACK W. BIRCH
Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. HAROLD BLEAKLEY
Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTHUR L. BRANDON
Lewisburg, Pa.

MRS. JOSEPH CLIFFORD
Scottsdale, Ariz.

WILLIAM T. COPPAGE
Richmond, Va.

J. KENNETH COZIER
Cleveland, Ohio

JOHN M. CRANDELL, JR.
Provo, Utah

JOHN W. FERREE, M.D.
Pleasantville, N.Y.

GEORGE W. HENDERSON, JR.
Atlanta, Ga.

JOSEPH JAWORSKI
Houston, Texas

NORMAN V. LOURIE
Harrisburg, Pa.

JULIUS D. MORRIS
New Britain, Conn.

MORTON PEPPER
New York, N.Y.

C. OWEN POLLARD
Augusta, Me.

HON. BOB RILEY
Little Rock, Ark.

LOUIS H. RIVES, JR.
Little Rock, Ark.

HON. REESE H. ROBRAHN
Washington, D.C.

PETER J. SALMON
Brooklyn, N.Y.

GERALDINE T. SCHOLL
Ann Arbor, Mich.

AUSTIN G. SCOTT
Dallas, Texas

HENRY A. TALBERT
Los Angeles, Calif.

WARREN THOMPSON
Denver, Colo.

*Because this report covers 18 months rather than one year, Board and Commission members are listed for 1974-75.

Commission on Accreditation — 1974-75

JACK W. BIRCH, Professor
University of Pittsburgh, School of Education
Pittsburgh, Penna.
Chairman

FREDERICK A. SILVER, Administrator
St. Paul's Rehabilitation Center
Newton, Mass.
Vice-Chairman

NATALIE C. BARRAGA, Professor
Department of Special Education
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas

HOWARD H. HANSON, Asst. Program Administrator
Office of Service to the Visually Impaired
Division of Rehabilitation Service
Pierre, S.D.

MILTON A. JAHODA, Executive Director
Cincinnati Association for the Blind
Cincinnati, Ohio

RUTH KAARLELA, Assistant Director
Program for Training Rehabilitation Teachers
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Mich.

ELIZABETH M. MALONEY
Assistant Executive Director for Services
The Industrial Home for the Blind
Brooklyn, N.Y.

LOUIS H. RIVES, JR., Research Director
Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind
Little Rock, Ark.

AUSTIN G. SCOTT, Executive Director
Dallas County Association for the Blind
Dallas, Texas

Commission on Standards — 1974-75

GERALDINE T. SCHOLL
Professor of Special Education
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.
Chairman

WILLIAM T. COPPAGE, Director
Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped
Richmond, Va.
Vice-Chairman

JOHN M. CRANDELL, JR., Associate Professor
Department of Educational Psychology
Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

CLEO B. DOLAN, Executive Director
The Cleveland Society for the Blind
Cleveland, Ohio

J. ARTHUR JOHNSON, Executive Director
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
Washington, D.C.

DURWARD K. MCDANIEL
National Representative
American Council of the Blind
Washington, D.C.

ROBERT MORRIS, Director
Gerontological Policy Institute
Brandeis University
Waltham, Mass.

DONALD H. WEDEWER, Chief
Bureau of Blind Services
Tallahassee, Fla.

MRS. HELEN W. WORDEN, Executive Director
Rhode Island Association for the Blind
Providence, R.I.

ALEXANDER F. HANDEL, *Executive Director*

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

79 Madison Avenue, Suite 1406

New York, New York 10016

(212) 683-8581

Member, Council of Specialized Accrediting Agencies; Member, President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.



Contributions to the National Accreditation Council are tax deductible.

Printed in U.S.A. 8/74

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

For Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

79 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10016

(212) 683-8581

Accredited Members*



as of July 1, 1974

ARIZONA

Phoenix

Section of Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired ('76)

Evan R. Fullmer, Manager

Blind and Visually Impaired Advisory Council

Margaret L. Bluhm, Chairman

Tucson

Department for the Visually Handicapped ('75)

Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind

William McBratney, President, Board of Directors

Ralph Hoag, Superintendent

ARKANSAS

Little Rock

Arkansas School for the Blind ('74)

Dr. Guy Smith, Chairman, Board of Trustees

J. M. Woolly, Superintendent

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Inc. ('74)

J. M. Fowler, D.D.S., President

Roy Kumpe, Executive Director

CALIFORNIA

Sacramento

Sacramento Society for the Blind ('79)

Alfred D. DeGregory, President

Thomas C. Ryan, Executive Director

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind ('75)

Duane H. Ekedahl, President

J. Arthur Johnson, Executive Director

FLORIDA

Tallahassee

Florida Bureau of Blind Services ('76)

Dayton Logue, Chairman, Advisory Council

Donald H. Wedewer, Chief

GEORGIA

Atlanta

Atlanta Area Services for the Blind, Inc. ('74)

Eddie Lomax, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Robert Crouse, Executive Director

HAWAII

Honolulu

Services for the Blind Branch ('74)

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Administrator

Department of Social Services & Housing

Myron B. Thompson, Director

ILLINOIS

Chicago

The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind ('76)

Edward S. Silber, President, Board of Directors

George W. Fearn, Executive Director

Winnetka

The Hadley School for the Blind ('75)

George B. Milnor, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Donald Wing Hathaway, President

*Following the name of the agency or school is the year in which it is next scheduled for consideration for extension of accreditation.

Sponsors

American Association of Workers for the Blind

American Council of the Blind

American Foundation for the Blind

American Foundation for the Overseas Blind

American Library Association

Arkansas Chapter, American Association of Workers for the Blind

Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped

Choice Magazine Listening

National Braille Association, Inc.

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind

National Industries for the Blind

National Society for the Prevention of Blindness

New York State Federation of Workers for the Blind

INDIANA

Evansville

Evansville Association for the Blind ('76)
C. Paul Posthauer, President, Board of Directors
Frank E. Kern, Executive Director

IOWA

Vinton

Iowa Braille and Sightsaving School ('76)
Charles C. Woodcock, Superintendent
Mrs. H. Rand Petersen, President,
State Board of Regents

KANSAS

Topeka

Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped ('76)
Harry E. Hayes, Director
State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Robert Harder, Secretary

LOUISIANA

Shreveport

Shreveport Association for the Blind ('74)
John T. Jayne, President, Board of Directors
E. J. Robinson, Executive Director

MAINE

Augusta

Division of Eye Care ('74)
Paul E. Rourke, Director
Bureau of Rehabilitation
C. Owen Pollard, Director
Maine Department of Health and Welfare

MARYLAND

Baltimore

The Maryland School for the Blind ('74)
S. James Campbell, President, Board of Directors
Herbert J. Wolfe, Superintendent

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland ('76)
(formerly) The Md. Workshop for the Blind
John H. Mudd, Chairman of the Board
George H. Park, Executive Vice President

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

Massachusetts Association for the Blind ('74)
Albert K. Gayzagian, President, Board of Directors
Jack C. Loadman, Executive Director

Watertown

Perkins School for the Blind ('75)
Samuel Cabot, President
Benjamin F. Smith, Director

MICHIGAN

Detroit

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind ('75)
Charles E. Arnold, Chairman of the Board
McAllister Upshaw, Executive Director

Lansing

Michigan School for the Blind ('75)
Nancy Steele Bryant, Superintendent
Michigan Department of Education
Murray Batten, State Director of Special Education

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

The Minneapolis Society for the Blind, Inc. ('75)
Richard R. Johnstone, President
Jesse H. Rosten, Executive Director

MISSISSIPPI

Hazlehurst

Royal Maid, Inc. ('76)
Thor W. Kelle, Jr., Chairman of the Board
John L. Granger, General Manager

MISSOURI

Kansas City

Kansas City Association for the Blind ('75)
James T. Jennings, President, Board of Directors
Elva Hayes, Executive Director

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord

New Hampshire Association for the Blind ('79)
William W. Macurda, President
Gale N. Stickler, Executive Director

NEW JERSEY

Jersey City

St. Joseph's School for the Blind ('75)
Sister Patricia Aiden Lynch, CSJ, Chairman,
Management Board
Sister Mary Byrnes, CSJ, Administrator

NEW YORK

Binghamton

Blind Work Association, Inc. ('76)
Richard H. Pille, President, Board of Directors
J. F. Zinck, Managing Director

Buffalo

Blind Association of Western New York ('75)
Dean M. Rockwell, President
Clophos F. Bulleigh, Executive Director

New York City

Recording for the Blind, Inc. ('77)
John W. Castles 3d, President
Donald Staley, Executive Director

The Industrial Home for the Blind ('76)
John H. Finn, President
John F. Brady, Executive Director

The Jewish Guild for the Blind ('77)

John Mosler, President
Aubrey Mallach, Executive Director

The New York Association for the Blind ('75)

Robert H. Bennett, President
Wesley D. Sprague, Executive Director

Syracuse

Syracuse Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc. ('76)

Herman Harding, President
Milton Rosenblum, Executive Director

Yorktown Heights

Gniding Eyes for the Blind, Inc. ('76)

J. Richard Ryan, President
Donald Z. Kauth, Executive Director

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham

Lions Club Industries for the Blind, Inc. ('75)

H. E. Gwin, President
Conway Harris, Executive Director

Raleigh

Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind, Inc. ('76)

Drewry J. Jones, President
Russell G. Broadbudd, Executive Director

The Governor Morehead School ('77)

Samuel J. Cole, Superintendent
N. C. Department of Human Resources
David T. Flaherty, Secretary

OHIO

Cincinnati

Cincinnati Association for the Blind ('74)

Robert G. Eagen, President
Milton A. Jahoda, Executive Director

Cleveland

The Cleveland Society for the Blind ('74)

James B. Wolf, President
Cleo B. Dolan, Executive Director

Columbus

Ohio State School for the Blind ('74)

D. W. Overbeay, Superintendent
Department of Education
Martin W. Essex, Superintendent of Public Instruction

OKLAHOMA

Muskogee

Oklahoma School for the Blind ('75)

V. R. Carter, Superintendent
Department of Institutions, Social and
Rehabilitative Services
L. E. Rader, Director

OREGON

Salem

Oregon State School for the Blind ('74)

Donald H. Edwards, Director
Oregon Board of Education
Mason D. McQuiston, Assistant Superintendent

PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster

Lancaster County Branch ('76)

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc.
Robert Y. Garrett, Jr., President
Mrs. Marion R. Campbell, Executive Director

Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Branch ('75)

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc.
James P. Sinnott, President
Mrs. Marcella C. Goldberg, Executive Director

RHODE ISLAND

Providence

Rhode Island Association for the Blind ('74)

Armand P. Leco, President
Mrs. Helen W. Worden, Executive Director

Rhode Island State Services for the Blind ('75)

E. Lyman D'Andrea, Administrator
Governor's Advisory Council for the Blind
Lloyd C. England, D.M.D., Chairman

SOUTH DAKOTA

Pierre

Office of Service to the Visually Impaired ('77)

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Marion Musgrave, Chairman, Advisory Committee
Howard H. Hanson, Assistant Program Administrator

TENNESSEE

Donelson

Tennessee School for the Blind ('75)

Clay Coble, Superintendent
State Board of Education
Benjamin E. Carmichael, Chairman,

TEXAS

Dallas

Dallas County Association for the Blind ('75)

Sherrill E. Edwards, President
Austin G. Scott, Executive Director

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children ('75)

Mrs. Jas. R. West, President
Clark H. Corliss, Executive Director

Houston

Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston ('74)

Mrs. Jackson Hinds, President, Board of Directors
Mrs. Geraldine Rougagnac, Executive Director

VIRGINIA

Richmond

Virginia Commission for the Visually
Handicapped ('74)

A. Fleet Dillard, Chairman

William T. Coppage, Director

WASHINGTON

Seattle

The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. ('76)

Jack Utz, President

Rudolph Elmer, Executive Director

WISCONSIN

Janesville

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped ('75)

William H. English, Superintendent

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Dr. Barbara Thompson, State Superintendent



Accreditation by NAC is public recognition that an agency or school for the blind is doing a quality job.

The accreditation process provides a system of quality controls—to protect those who receive services and those who provide the funds for the services.

Since it began operations in January, 1967, NAC has demonstrated that agencies and schools for the blind can and do improve their administration and programs when they apply nationally accepted objective standards to their operations, and submit the findings of their own self-studies to validation by teams of qualified specialists and administrators.

Accredit. To put (as by common consent) into a reputable or outstanding category; consider, recognize or acclaim as rightfully possessing an uncontested status.

Accredited. Officially vouched for or guaranteed as conforming to a prescribed or desirable standard.

—*Webster's Third New
International Dictionary, 1963*

Accreditation is fundamentally a system of voluntary self-regulation, based on the philosophy that the accrediting process is a constructive experience which produces improved quality and effectiveness of service through the use of realistic objective standards against which an organization can measure its own performance.

—*THE COMSTAC REPORT:
Standards for Strengthened Services, 1966*

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped
79 Madison Avenue, Suite 1406 **New York, New York 10016**

